

**/FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

December 21, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Champness, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Lula Bauer, Lee District
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District
Wesley "Mike" Viilo, Mt. Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Roger Sims, Springfield District
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners
Ralph Wills, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council
William J. Stephens, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

George Lovelace, Fairfax County Park Authority
Christopher A. Leonard, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Jesse Ellis, Department of Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Jozefczyk, Braddock District
David Lacey, Sully District
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon
Rob Hahne, Fairfax County Baseball Council
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council

GUESTS: None

Meeting Opening – Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. A quorum was not present at this time. At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Leff called the roll and a quorum was present.

Citizens to Address Council - None

Committee Reports

Artificial Turf – Mr. McLaughlin put together the evaluation committee to include himself, William Stephens, Lula Bauer, Dave Lacey, and Liz Bradsher. None of these members had a proposal in their district or sports area. There are six districts that do have proposals: Dranesville, Mason, Hunter Mill, Mount Vernon, Braddock and Springfield. Mr. Meana said he spoke to Chairman Connolly and requested that Fairfax County add \$1.275 million to the FY 2007 budget to fund three more fields and carry this through for three years, at which time it will be reviewed.

Mr. McLaughlin circulated a proposed process to be used in reviewing turf field proposals. In January, the existing turf committee will review the six proposals and make a report listing the pros and cons of all the proposals. The original proposals and the report will be forwarded to the Selection Advisory Committee. This should be completed by January 11. The evaluation committee will meet on January 18 and will rank the proposals in order based on the pros and cons. This ranking will be forwarded to Ms. Franckewitz for her decision.

Mr. Coan moved that staff not publicly release the proposals until the existing turf committee has submitted their report. Mr. Sims seconded. The motion carried.

Administrative Items - The November 16, 2005, minutes were not approved. Mr. Sims requested that some omitted items be added.

Chairman's Items – Mr. McLaughlin said that the Standard Operating Procedures has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and staff will circulate them to the Council.

Matters of Interest from Governing Bodies

Information – Board of Supervisors: Nothing to report

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority: Mr. Lovelace reported that his chairman has reached an agreement with Mr. Anthony Griffin, County Executive, that groups exceeding 40 people are required to get a Park Authority field use permit. Mr. Lovelace added that the County Executive will obtain funding to help county staff enforce and correct unauthorized walk-on use at all county fields. Mr. Leonard cautioned members that the County Executive will not release his proposed budget until late February. Therefore, any potential funding proposals are not final until that time.

Information – Fairfax County School Board: No one from FCPS was present to make a report. However Mr. Sims indicated that Fairfax County Schools are planning on taking the 90-foot diamond fields out of service this summer in the western end of the county.

Information – Community and Recreation Services: Mr. Leonard said that the two-year term for Council members have all been updated. Ms. Avvisato said there are some monetary issues with the Mott Community Center field development project.

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Mr. Ellis advised that Casey Hanes will be leaving CRS to work for Supervisor Dubois' Office in the Dranesville District.

Old Business

Mr. Sims said that the public use amendment for fields was tabled indefinitely by the Board of Supervisors. This means that out-of-county use remains as outlined by the Board of Zoning Appeals decision remains intact concerning Marymount University and Lewinsville Park.

Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Leff
Secretary